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RE: Application for Change of Surface Water Claim No. 00992, Subbasin No. 24 - TEMPORARY CHANGE

You request a TEMPORARY CHANGE to construct a well to irrigate 18.3 acres of property. You have a claim pending in Subbasin No. 24 of the Yakima River Adjudication for surface water from the Moxee Slough. Your claim is currently being heard, and the extent and validity of the claim is still pending.

On January 14, 1999, a Petition for Order Pendente Lite was filed with the Yakima County Superior Court. The statement requested approval of an application for change to Water Right Claim No. 133153, to change from a point of diversion to a well. The petition indicates a recent development at the headwaters of the Moxee Slough has caused an interruption of the natural flow of the slough from the springs to the property, and litigation is currently pending against the upstream owner seeking relief. The petition requested approval of an application for change, until resolution of the dispute involving the parties is considered.

An Order was submitted to the Court and signed by Judge Gavin. The Order states "...the Petitioners shall be allowed to make application to the Department of Ecology in the normal manner for change in point of diversion of their claimed right under the above referenced claim."

In review of the pending application for change it was determined, pending the final outcome of the claim in Subbasin 24, that the permanent change in point of diversion may be premature until such time that an interim decision on the claim is made. During this period, it would be better served to request a TEMPORARY CHANGE.

The source of your proposed appropriation falls within the Yakima River Basin. The historical water rights of all surface water uses within the Yakima River drainage basin are under adjudication in Yakima County Superior Court. This adjudication may take several years to complete. The Director of the Department of Ecology has specified that

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during the pendency of the adjudication temporary changes may be issued if all the requirements of Chapter 90.03 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and Chapter 173-152 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) can be satisfied.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 90.03.250 RCW, you may consider this letter to be a **TEMPORARY CHANGE** which is subject to the following limitations and provisions:

- 1. The priority date of this TEMPORARY CHANGE is June 1, 1892.
- 2. The proposed point of withdrawal is located approximately 900 feet east and 100 feet south of the northwest corner of Section 34, being within the NW¼NW¼ of Section 34, T. 13 N., R. 19 E.W.M. in Yakima County, Washington.
- 3. The water is to be used for irrigation of 18.3 acres located within the NW¼NW¼ of Section 34, lying west of the Moxee Slough, T. 13 N., R. 19 E.W.M., Yakima County between April 1 and October 15, 1999.
- 4. The quantity of water to be withdrawn is limited to a maximum instantaneous rate of 180 gallons per minute, 64 acre-feet per year.
- 5. This **TEMPORARY CHANGE** shall remain in effect until a Conditional Final Order is signed in Subbasin No. 24.
- 6. This authorization shall in no way excuse the permittee from compliance with any applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations including those administered by other programs of the Department of Ecology.
- 7. The well shall be limited to a maximum depth of 200 feet below ground surface. If adequate water is not encountered, you must contact Ecology and obtain written authorization to drill deeper.
- 8. All water wells constructed within the state shall meet the minimum standards for construction and maintenance as provided under RCW 18.104 (Washington Water Well Construction Act of 1971) and Chapter 173-160 WAC (Minimum Standards for Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells).
- Installation and maintenance of an access port as described in Ground Water Bulletin
 No. 1 is required. An air line and gage may be installed in addition to the access port.

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- 10. A suitable measuring device approved by the Department of Ecology shall be installed and maintained in accordance with WAC 508-64-020 through WAC 508-64-040. (Installation, operation and maintenance requirements attached hereto.)
- 11. Weekly readings shall document the water use. The use data shall be submitted at the end of each season. This reporting schedule does not preclude the Department from requiring higher frequency of reporting during some years.
- 12. This Order may be appealed. Your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia, WA 98504-0903 within thirty (30) days from the date this Order was mailed by the Department of Ecology. At the same time a copy of your appeal must be sent to the Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program, c/o Appeal Coordinator, PO Box 47600, Olympia WA 98504-7600. Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this Order. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Chapter 43.21B RCW.

Sincerely

Robert F. Barwin, Section Manager

Water Resources Program

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Enclosure:

Ground Water Bulletin No. 1

Flow Meter Requirements

cc:

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